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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-168, regarding modifications to traffic lights in Porter Square to compensate for the added congestion due to the closure of the Walden Street bridge for construction, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The intersection of Upland Road and Massachusetts Avenue has been impacted by both the Porter Square changes and the detour traffic from the Walden Street Bridge closure. Last week the Department made changes to the morning peak operation of the Porter Square/Upland Road signals and on October 30th, made changes to the afternoon peak operation. The next steps are to adjust the Saturday peak operations and then make changes to coordinate Roseland and Beech Streets with the changes in Porter Square.

These changes are adding more green light time to Massachusetts Avenue and will also help reduce back-ups at Upland Road caused when vehicles could not get out onto Massachusetts Avenue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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